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Soviet Troops Departing Wittenberg, Dessau and Luebben

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1. On 27 April 1954, the units in Wittenberg started entraining troops and tanks. Entrained were:

At 8:30 a.m. on 28 April: 25 T-34/85 tanks [] 25X1
 [] about 50 to 60 trucks [] about 25X1
 12 armored personnel carriers, 2 radio trucks, and about 400 troops. The 25X1
 unit presumably came from the Beseler Kaserne (3584).

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At 3:50 p.m. on 28 April: T-34/85 tanks [] 25X1
 [] 2 tank hulls, 4 x 57-mm AT guns coupled to trucks [] 25X1
 [] about 18 armored personnel carriers [] 25X1
 [] about 20 trucks, about 5 tank
 trucks and ballasting equipment. The loadings were presumably completed on
 29 April. On 28 April, the Beseler Kaserne (3584) was vacant, except for a
 rear unit of about 200 men. On 29 April, the Taunitzien Kaserne (3581) was
 occupied by about 600 men. 25X1

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On 28 April, the Arado installation (3582)
 quartered about 150 men. 25X1

- B-3 2. On 19 April, 9 x 57-mm AT guns were loaded onto flatcars and troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets onto a boxcar at Dessau freight station. The unit came from Kochstedt. The train left toward Rossau at 3:30 p.m.

3. On 26 April, the following troops and materiel from the kasernes in Kochstedt (3107) and Rossau (3401) were loaded in Dessau:

At 4:30 a.m.: 7 T-34/85 tanks [], 10 armored 25X1
 personnel carriers, about 40 sidecar motorcycles, 1 workshop truck, 1 tank 25X1
 truck, 5 trucks, and 15 boxcarloads of troops.

At 8:30 p.m.: 12 trucks []
 [] 5 x 37-mm AA guns, 6 x 57-mm AT guns, 2 x 45-mm AT guns and 15
 boxcarloads of troops.
 The two trains left toward Rossau 2

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4. On 30 April, the Jagger Kaserne (3341) in Luebben was vacated, with only a strong guard detail remaining. No tanks and vehicles except for a truck with equipment were observed.

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1. Comment. The start of the transfer of the 6th Gds Tank Div to Herder-Markendorf on 28 April was confirmed.

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2. Comment. According to the sidecar motorcycles, most of the troops entrained belonged to the 4th Gds Mtrcl Bn of the 7th Gds Tank Div carried in the Kaserne Kochstedt. The units presumably transferred to the summer camp of the division at Letzing Heath.

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3. Comment. It is believed that the 1st Tank Regt of the 9th Mech Div moved to the Forst Inuer summer camp at Lieberose training grounds.

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